Vacation of Kangla Fort by Assam Rifles

1515. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had entered into an agreement with the Government of Manipur around 1987-88 for vacation of Kangla Fort, Imphal by Assam rifles;

(b) if so, the details of the agreements;

(c) whether token vacation was performed by vacation of the said Fort by a contingent of Assam Rifles; and

(d) if so, how the matter stands now and when total vacation of the Fort will be accomplished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) to (d) Government of India have agreed to vacate the Kangla Fort in 1992. The decision was reiterated in a communication from the then Home Minister to the Chief Minister, Manipur on December 30, 1995. An area consisting of 39.596 acres of land (36.81 acres comprising of old place and 2.786 acres of the sacred Phukri) had already been vacated and handed over to the State Government. The construction work at the new location is at advanced stage and likely to be completed soon. The State Government is yet to provide basic facilities like roads, electricity and watersupply at new location to enable Assam Rifles to shift there. Major portion of the Fort is likely to be vacated by December 31, 2004 if these facilities are provided by then.

Expenditure Incurred on Justice Mukherjee Commission

1516. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Justice Mukherjee Commission enquiring into Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose demise or otherwise is facing problems of funds;

(b) if so, the amount released for Commission work in the last two years along with its progress and the time schedule for completion of the enquiry; and